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AMENDMENT ENTRY

Amendment of 11/30/09 has been entered. Claims 1-5, 7, 33-37, 51 55-61, 67-70 and 73 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7, 33-37, 51 and 73 are under consideration.

OBJECTION(S)/REJECTION(S) OF RECORD WITHDRAWN

The amendment has overcome previously stated issues as follows:

The objection to the specification

The objection to claim(s) 1 and 7.

The rejection of claims 1 and 33 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph for recitation of both "having a blood group compatible" and "having an unmatched blood group". The examiner concurs that the claims are to be interpreted in light of spec. page 3, lines 11-14.

The rejection of claim(s) 2-6 and 34-39 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph for failing to specify which "canine animal" is being referenced.

The rejection of claim(s) 7 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph.

The prior art rejection of Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Natanson et al in view of Giger et al, since the limitation of claim 6 has been inserted into claim 1.

The prior art rejection of Claims 1, 7, 33-37 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Natanson et al in view of both Giger et al and Harvath et al, since the limitation of claim 6 has been inserted into claim 1, and since the limitation of claim 38 has been inserted into claim 33.

The prior art rejection of Claim 49 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Natanson et al in view of both Giger et al 1995) and Harvath et al, as applied to claim 33, and further in view of Emery et al, since the rejection of base claim 33 has been overcome.

NEW REJECTION(S) UNDER 35 USC 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 33-37 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 33, the insertion of the limitation "where said donor canine animal is characterized by a phenotype negative for anti-globulin antibodies" into the conclusion of step 4) creates confusion as to when, in the sequence of steps, one knows that the "animal is characterized by a phenotype negative..." It is considered that this limitation should have been inserted into step 1).

FINALITY

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

This application contains claims 55-61 and 67-70 drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse in the reply filed on 3/3/09. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims. Otherwise, the claims will need to be cancelled by an examiner's amendment, for which applicant may be required to pay additional extension of time fees.

CONTACTS

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Saunders, whose telephone number is 571-272-0849. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thu. from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm and on alternate Fridays. The examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, can be reached on 571-272-0735. The fax number where this application is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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